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A. COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

1. Communists in Mar del Plata, Argentina, are at the present time particularly active within the labor unions, and are especially influential in the strongest labor union of Mar del Plata, the Construction Workers' Union.

2. Among the principal Communist leaders in the city are Maldonado, Costa, and Reyes, who were influential in the Secretariat of Labor of Mar del Plata about a year ago. However, at that time the three were arrested and detained in Azul, Argentina, on an order issued by the Segundo Orden Judicial (SOJ) of the Federal Police. In July 1951 they returned to Mar del Plata and are again active in labor circles as though the incident had never occurred.

25X1X 3. [REDACTED] the Communists of Mar del Plata have received instructions from the Argentine Communist Party (CPA) Headquarters not to engage in anti-Peron activities.

4. The Argentine Federal Police have received information that the Argentine Communists throughout the country plan to meet this month to discuss plans for the Campesino Pro Paz Mundial. Angel Borlenghi, Argentine Minister of the Interior, has received the information that the Communist Parties in Latin America expect to obtain the following number of signatures for transmission to Stalin on 30 December 1951:

Argentina	1,500,000	signatures
Brazil	5,000,000	"
Chile	2,500,000	"
Peru	1,000,000	"
Uruguay	500,000	"

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[REDACTED] through a mail intercept the Federal Police have ascertained that Ernesto Giudici, general attorney for the Partido Comunista Argentina (PCA), has been corresponding with one Alicia Blanco, a Brazilian Communist. Giudici is interested in Communist activities in Brazil and desires to have comments of Brazilian Communist newspapers on the activities of Brazilian Army officers

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camping in the United States and on those who are scheduled to leave for Korea in the near future for further study.

COMMUNIST PUBLICATIONS

1. On 17 July Hermanegildo Figueras, Director of Noticias de Buenos Aires, a Communist newspaper in Argentina, announced that, because of restriction on newsprint, he was forced temporarily to suspend publication of the newspaper. On 29 August Noticias de Buenos Aires again appeared. The majority of the articles were anti-American in nature, with no allusions to or criticisms of the Peron Government.

- 25X1X 2. [REDACTED] the Partido Comunista Argentino (PCA) is attempting to raise the sum of 100,000 pesos in order to finance the publication of Nuestra Palabra, a Communist newspaper. The PCA has already collected 35,000 pesos and expects to obtain the remaining amount by the end of December.

- 25X1A [REDACTED] The Seccion Orden Urazial, which is in charge of Argentine labor intelligence, was founded on the personal orders of President Peron. Its members report daily to General Arturo Bartollo, Chief of Police, who in turn holds daily conferences with Senora Peron's office and interested officials of the Ministry of Interior. Significant reports are forwarded to the Control del Estado or the Coordinacion Federal.

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